

**Forest Land-Gadchiroli**

**Diversion of 3.9337 ha. forest land under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable along the road in Row of existing roads Katezari to Sawargaon, Sawargaon to Tekameta, Mohali to Sinsur, Masarigata to Godalwahi, Chavela to Jewalwahi, Dorgatta to Sawanga BK., Pendhari to Recha, Jamgaon to Jadegaon, Pavimuranda to Muthur, Dongargaon BK to Markbodi, Devapur Rith to Navegaon, Sawargaon to Chatgaon in Gadchiroli, Dhanora, Chamorshi & Korchi Tahsil of District Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.**

**Government of Maharashtra  
Revenue and Forest Department  
Government Order No.: FLD-36A23/CR.313/F-10  
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032  
Date:- 28.11.2023**

**Reference:-**

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur Letter No. Desk-17/ FCA-S1 /PID-437768/Gadchiroli/2080, dt. 11.10.2023.

**Preamble:-**

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur has submitted a proposal for diversion 3.9337 ha. Forest Land under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable along the road in RoW of existing roads Katezari to Sawargaon, Sawargaon to Tekameta, Mohali to Sinsur, Masarigata to Godalwahi, Chavela to Jewalwahi, Dorgatta to Sawanga BK., Pendhari to Recha, Jamgaon to Jadegaon, Pavimuranda to Muthur, Dongargaon BK to Markbodi, Devapur Rith to Navegaon, Sawargaon to Chatgaon in Gadchiroli, Dhanora, Chamorshi & Korchi Tahsil of District Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.

**Order:-**

In exercise of powers under general approval given by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide Handbook of FCA Guidelines-2019, Chapter 4 (para-4.2), Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant '**In-Principle**' approval to the diversion of 3.9337 ha. Forest Land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable along the road in Row of existing roads Katezari to Sawargaon, Sawargaon to Tekameta, Mohali to Sinsur, Masarigata to Godalwahi, Chavela to Jewalwahi Dorgatta to Sawanga BK., Pendhari to Recha, Jamgaon to Jadegaon, Pavimuranda to Muthur, Dongargaon BK to Markbodi, Devapur Rith to Navegaon, Sawargaon to Chatgaon in Gadchiroli, Dhanora, Chamorshi & Korchi Tahsil of District Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.

The details of Forest Land proposed for diversion are as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of Village	Forest Land						
		Compt. No.	Survey No.	Length (m)	Width (m)	Area (Sq.m)	Area (Ha.)	Legal Status
1	Katezari	719	40,37,122	1427.1	0.45	642.195	0.0642	RF
2	Gurekasa	717, 714	33	3459	0.45	1556.55	0.1557	RF
3	Rengagaon	683	18,19,21, 25,1,5	3192.7	0.45	1436.72	0.1437	RF
4	Belgaon	661	67, 63, 3, 2	871.9	0.45	392.355	0.0392	RF
5	Murumgaon	682	38	1289.2	0.45	580.14	0.0580	PF
6	Murumgaon	681	192,193, 73	323	0.45	145.35	0.0145	PF
7	Tumdikdas	686, 687	120, 118	436.8	0.45	196.56	0.0197	RF
8	Charvinand	687, 700	13, 24	3123.5	0.45	1405.575	0.1406	RF
9	Kulbhatti	699	237, 138,	982.8	0.45	442.26	0.0442	PF
10	Block Forest	699	-	1867.3	0.45	840.285	0.0840	RF
11	Gajamendhi	698	18,77	2946.6	0.45	1325.97	0.1326	RF
12	Morchul	692	15	689.9	0.45	310.455	0.0310	PF
13	Sawrgaon	693	23,224	357.4	0.45	160.83	0.0161	PF
14	Sawargaon	693	43	698.8	0.45	314.46	0.0314	RF
15	Kangadi	696	30	1123.4	0.45	505.53	0.0505	RF
16	Kangadi	696	9	509.1	0.45	229.095	0.0229	PF
17	Markagaon	705	145,16	908	0.45	408.6	0.0409	RF
18	Markagaon	705	15,13	608.1	0.45	273.645	0.0274	PF
19	Markagaon	708	30,55,58,49	1299	0.45	584.55	0.0584	RF
20	Korami	734	23,131	639.9	0.45	287.955	0.0288	PF
21	Korami	735	61	498.5	0.45	224.325	0.0224	RF
22	Devsur	742	59,58,57, 56,23,7	687.9	0.45	309.555	0.0310	PF
23	Gyarapatti	741,740	124,109,92, 94	2325.9	0.45	1046.655	0.1047	RF
24	Block Forest	740		889	0.45	400.05	0.0400	RF
25	Bhimnkhoji	759,758	30	1405.69	0.45	632.561	0.0633	RF
26	Block Forest	758		613.31	0.45	275.99	0.0276	RF
27	Nyahakal	757,756	9	959.67	0.45	431.852	0.0432	RF
28	Block Forest	756		141.23	0.45	63.5535	0.0063	RF
29	Tikameta	756	18, 25	300	0.45	135	0.0135	RF
30	Chingali	603	209,41	1134.8	0.45	510.66	0.0511	PF
31	Chingali	603	212	277.9	0.45	125.055	0.0125	RF
32	Sisur	620	22,29,16	1043.2	0.45	469.44	0.0469	RF
33	Masarigata	433	62	244	0.45	109.8	0.0110	PF
34	Khedi	444	61	260.8	0.45	117.36	0.0117	PF
35	Mohali	566	7	647	0.45	291.15	0.0291	PF
36	Rampur Rith	564	113	635.1	0.45	285.795	0.0286	PF
37	Rampur Rith	563	85	669.8	0.45	301.41	0.0301	RF
38	Pusawandi	561	29,26,50, 53,54,63	1658	0.45	746.1	0.0746	RF
39	Pusawandi	551	117,147,144	895	0.45	402.75	0.0403	PF
40	Pusawandi	551	119,120,121	1585	0.45	713.25	0.0713	RF

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41	Sode	547	18	924.7	0.45	416.115	0.0416	RF
42	Dhanora	519	391,462	406.2	0.45	182.79	0.0183	RF
43	Dhanora	519	491,492	509.7	0.45	229.365	0.0229	PF
44	Kanhartola	509	55,46,48	678.1	0.45	305.145	0.0305	PF
45	Lekha	510	276,274	1088.1	0.45	489.645	0.0490	PF
46	Lekha	510	260,251	1220	0.45	549	0.0549	RF
47	Mendha Dongri	511,469, 471	53	6361.5	0.45	2862.675	0.2863	RF
48	Block Forest	334	—	3212.2	0.45	1445.49	0.1445	RF
49	Godalwahi	335, 332,	242	1834.1	0.45	825.345	0.0825	RF
50	Godalwahi	336	137	265.6	0.45	119.52	0.0120	PF
51	Pauni	543, 544	151,144,148, 195	1083.5	0.45	487.575	0.0488	PF
52	Salebhatti	545	221,242,81, 82	246.8	0.45	111.06	0.0111	PF
53	Dhanora	546	241	113.96	0.45	51.282	0.0051	PF
54	Wadgaon	542	15,1	614.5	0.45	276.48	0.0277	RF
55	Dhawari	555	4,27	2143	0.45	964.35	0.0964	RF
56	Wagbhumi	556, 557	115,88	1578.3	0.45	710.235	0.0710	RF
57	Wagbhumi	556	90	715.6	0.45	322.02	0.0322	PF
58	Jewalwahi	571, 558	134	450	0.45	202.5	0.0203	PF
59	Sawanga Bk	287	25,27,61	767.7	0.45	345.465	0.0346	RF
60	Penkin Murza	286	41,34	1137.29	0.45	511.781	0.0512	RF
61	Penkin Murza	286	35,28,29,30	914.07	0.45	411.332	0.0411	PF
62	Mohagaon	270, 268	185,78	228.2	0.45	102.69	0.0103	PF
63	Pendhari	267	48	200.9	0.45	90.405	0.0090	RF
64	Dhorgatta	266	151,135	332.8	0.45	149.76	0.0150	PF
65	Pendhari	248	4	512.2	0.45	230.49	0.0230	PF
66	Reche	249	2,3	2041.6	0.45	918.72	0.0919	RF
67	Jamgaon	80,79	71,102,79	1812.6	0.45	815.67	0.0816	RF
68	Jalegaon	77	70,80,79, 78,68,103,67	1514.3	0.45	681.435	0.0681	RF
69	Jalegaon	68, 69	143,142, 133,141	1867.5	0.45	840.375	0.0840	RF
70	Pavimurada	31	25,32,13,12	1511.7	0.45	680.265	0.0680	RF
71	Dhekani	30,17	21,26,31,32,33	2211.7	0.45	995.265	0.0995	RF
72	Block Forest	17		197.57	0.45	88.9065	0.0089	PF
73	Mutnur	17	3, 9	695.33	0.45	312.899	0.0313	RF
74	Devapur Rith	172		516.4	0.45	232.38	0.0232	RF
75	Devapur Rith	170	88,100	1212	0.45	545.4	0.0546	PF
76	Navegaon		255	78	0.45	35.1	0.0035	PF
77	Block Forest	171	255,256	2247.9	0.45	1011.555	0.1012	RF
78	Sawargaon	413,418P	1,2,4,32	347	0.45	156.15	0.0156	PF
			<b>Total</b>	<b>87418</b>			<b>3.9337</b>	

**2. This 'In-principle' approval is issued subject to the following conditions:-**

1. The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests has certified that proposed forest area is part of Tiger Corridor as per Tiger Conservation plan of Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve Chandrapur, Therefore, user agency shall obtain wildlife clearance and / or ensure compliance of mitigation measures if required and suggested by the PCCF (Wildlife).
3. User Agency shall submit the Record of Rights of proposed land of Block Forest, Comp. No. 699, 740, 759, 758, 756, 334, 17 & 171, Village- Charvinand, Survey No.24, Village- Lekha, Survey No.274 & 276, Village- Godalwahi, Survey No. 242, Village- Jalegaon, Survey No.141 and Village- Pavimudra, Survey No.12, along with Stage-I compliance.
4. The concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests shall ensure legal status of proposed Forest land, before granting working permission.
5. User Agency shall defray the cost of plantation (including ten years maintenance) of 100 trees shall be levied from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Gadchiroli District shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. Details of land proposed for Plantation (Record of Rights & KML File), shall be submitted before Stage-II/Final approval.
6. The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 2.00 meters depth & 0.45 meter width with cable line under the PVC Pipeline.
7. If bank guarantee is not submitted with concern Road Authority (NHAI/MSRDC/PWD/ZP), the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs.50/- per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests, the cost for reclamation will be covered from the bank guarantee.
8. If the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate of Rs.35/- per running meter. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of Rs.300/- per meter and Rs.750/- per meter respectively. An undertaking shall be obtained from the User Agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest/ Environment while laying the cable in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future.
9. For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests as and when required.
10. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
11. No felling of trees shall be done during the implementation of project.
12. No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.
13. The User Agency shall pay the cost of additional Net Present Value, if required in future.

14. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
  15. Underground Optical Fiber Cable can be laid only outside the confines of the Protected Areas.
  16. After completion of the project, User Agency will reclaim the area under RoW suitably.
  17. The Proposed work shall be carried out only during day time.
  18. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the State Government.
  19. This sanction is subject to the final clearance by the Department of Information & Technology for the project and concerned PWD authorities for the project.
  20. The User Agency shall compensate the private owners of forest land if any, in accordance with the prevalent laws, rules & guidelines.
  21. The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
  22. All other conditions as may be mandatory under relevant Acts, Rules and Guidelines shall be complied by the User Agency.
  23. All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on User Agency.
  24. The User Agency shall make good of any loss to Forest / Environment.
  25. All necessary approvals required for the project as per the prevailing laws of the land would be obtained by User Agency.
  26. Any breach of the conditions by the User Agency will be treated as violation of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
3. This Government Order is available at the Government of Maharashtra's website [www.maharashtra.gov.in](http://www.maharashtra.gov.in) with reference No. 202311281657350119. This Order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

**(Ganesh Jadhao)**  
**Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra**

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7. Collector, Gadchiroli.
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9. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Gadchiroli.
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